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Welcoming our new CEO

It gives me great pleasure as Chairperson of the Friendship Force International board to announce the appointment of Jeremi Snook as FFI's sixth President and CEO, effective November 9, 2015.

Jeremi has a Master's degree in Business Administration and brings with him both the experience of working as a senior executive in the non-profit sector as well as the experience of starting a small business that quickly earned him and his partner the Top 50 Fastest Growing Companies' award. He worked successively with United Way, with the Uptown Emergency Shelter and most recently as Chief Operating Officer with Spaulding Youth Center in Northfield, New Hampshire, a leading community-based provider of educational services for children with neurological or behavioral challenges. Jeremi's desire to relocate to Georgia played in FFI's favour and those on the Search Committee who have met him believe that he has the vision and management skills to lead FFI to the stability and sustainability we want for the organization. Most importantly, he has the values to embrace the mission that matters enormously to all of us.

Executives who have worked with Jeremi Snook have all described him as a caring, can-do person who connects well with people from all walks of life, someone who values diversity and works collaboratively to achieve consensus. "Friendship Force is much in alignment with who Jeremi is as a person", commented a former boss and CEO. Jeremi concurs: "I have loved all my previous jobs but the mission of this one resonates with my soul. I tell my friends and family that I will work for peace by bringing people from around the world together."

I know that you will join me in welcoming Jeremi Snook to Friendship Force and give him the support he will need to grow our mission and our membership. You will have the pleasure of meeting Jeremi soon after his start up date of November 9, 2015 as he plans to introduce himself to club members around the world in a short message and video that you can watch on your screen.

Before I close, allow me to acknowledge the considerable work carried out by the CEO Search Committee led by the Board Vice-Chair, Bob Duncan, who reviewed 180 applications and worked tirelessly over the last three months to bring us to this day where I am able to make this happy announcement.

Again, I welcome Jeremi to the FFI family and I know you welcome him too!

Cécile Latour, Chairperson of the FFI Board of Directors